

**COMPOSITIONS TO REDUCE TEXTILE CONTAMINANTS  
AND ASSOCIATED PROCESSING METHODS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Contaminant solubilizing compositions are provided that are suitable for use in a  
5 variety of textile applications, including dyeing applications. The contaminant  
solubilizing compositions generally include at least one C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> ester of lactic acid, at  
least one surfactant and at least one solvent. The contaminant solubilizing compositions  
may be used either alone or within larger textile cleaning compositions to remove  
contaminants from the surfaces of textile articles or the manufacturing equipment used to  
10 process textile articles, including dyeing equipment.

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